legislatures. These instructions, inter alia, provide that:

(i) Courtesy and consideration should be shown to Members of Parliament.

(ii) Officers must provide help to the extent possible to the Members of Parliament and State Legislatures in the discharge of their important functions under the Constitution.

(iii) An officer should be meticulously correct and courteous and rise to receive and see off a Member visiting him.

(iv) Any deviation from an appointment made with a Member must be promptly explained to him avoid any possible inconvenience. Fresh appointment should be fixed in consultation with him.

It has been prescribed in Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No. 11013/8/94-Estt. (A) dated 29.12.95 that the officers should not ignore telephonic messages left for them by the Members of Parliament/State legislatures in their absence and should try to contact at the earliest the concerned Members of Parliament/State Legislatures.

(c) Every Government servant is expected to observe these instructions.

Promotion of the IAS Officer Involved in Tandoor Case

3887. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an IAS Officer, who had given shelter to Mr. Sushil Sharma after he had allegdly murdered his wife and backed her in a Tandoor in 1995, has been promoted, as reported in the Times of India of 18th August, 1996;

(b) whether the appeal is pending with the Supreme Court against his reinstatement at the instance of CAT; and

(c) whether there are many other allegations against him and if so, what are they?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court *vide'* its order dated the 19th August, 1996 has set aside the interim order of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Ahmedabad reinstating the IAS Officer in service. The allegations against the officer relate to abuse of power and other administrative and financial irregularities/malpractices during his Central tenure.

Cases being Investigated by CBI

3888. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) the number of cases the CBI is currently investigating;

(b) how many of those cases are related to Central Government Departments' stating the number of Central Government employees and other individuals involved;

(c) how many of those cases concern State Government's issues, ordered at the request of State Government or different High Courts; and

(d) the number of cases investigated by the CBI during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) A total of 1713 cases were pending investigation with the C.B.I. as on 31.7.96.

(b)	No. of cases relating to central Govt. Deptts.	No. of Central Government employees involved.	No. of other individuals involved.
	636	1124	640

(c) The details of cases taken up at the requests of State Govts./orders of various High Courts out of the above total 1713 cases are as under:—

Cases taken up at the request of State Governments	Cases taken up on the orders of various High Courts.
87	65

(d) During the last three years, i.e, from 1993 to 1995 the C.B.I. investigated 7806 cases as under:—

Year	Number of cases investigated
1993	2543
1994	2584
1995	2679
Total:	7806

Writing off Equity in Power Sector by Andhra Pradesh

3889. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether Government have enquired about the Andhra Pradesh Government's decision to write off an amount of Rs. 944 crores of equity in order to enable the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Board to achieve a rate of return of 3% during 1993-94;

(b) if so, what are the main objections raised by the Central Government;

(c) whether the State Government has fully convinced the centre about its decision; and

(d) if so, the justification for this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Production of Petroleum Products

3890. SHRIMATI URMILLABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of oil, gas and other petroleum products produced during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether production of these products has been increasing year by year during the last three years; and

(c) if not, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to increase their production, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of the quantity of oil, gas and petroleum products produced during the last three years, State-wise are given in the annexure. [See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 94]

(b) It would be seen there from that the production of these items has been increasing during the last three years.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to increase the production of these items are:—

(i) Implementation of new schemes for oil field development and